Counterfeit Indian Curency Notes

1866. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is flooding India with counterfeit Indian currency notes;

(b) the dimensions of this mischief;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to meet this situation; and

(d) whether Government are considering printing notes that cannot be counterfeited as has already been done by USA with regard to the Dollar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) Circulation/seizure of fake currency notes has been reported, from time to time, from the border districts of Punjab, Gujarat and Rajasthan. However, it is yet to be established as to whether Pakistan has counter-feited a large amount of fake Indian currency notes.

The State Governments/UT Administrations have been instructed to tighten the machinery to tackle the problem of counterfeiting of Indian currency. The Reserve Bank of India issues Press releases, from time to time to enable the public to distinguish between genuine and fake currency notes. The Central Bureau of Investigation has created a special unit for exclusive investigation of counterfeit currency notes. The Border Security Force has alerted its forward troops to be more vigilant. To check counterfeiting of currency notes, a decision has also been taken to replace the existing design of notes with a new design.

President's Bravery Medals to erring Delhi Police Officers

1867. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of the officers of Delhi Police who have been awarded the President's Bravery Medals;

(b) the details of the policy and criteria being followed in this regard;

(c) whether some officers against whom disciplinary proceedings have been in progress, have also been awarded these medals;

(d) if so, the justification thereof and the action proposed to be taken for this fallacious decisions on the part of the Government officers for bringing a bad name to the Hon'ble President;

(e) the action proposed to be taken against the erring officials; and

(f) the present status of the disciplinary proceeding going on against the concerned police officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(b) The President's Police Medal/ Police Medals for Gallantry are awarded in accordance with the existing Statutes and Rules.

(c) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.